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Lincoln's ASSASSIN.

FACTS NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED CONCERNING J. WILKES BOOTH.

A Graphic Description of the Pursuit and Capture—Dangerous Journey with the Corpse—Disposition of the Remains.

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LEAVING (CONTINUED).

Before a clerk's desk in the office of the Attorney General of Michigan sits the man who commanded the bandit of cavalry that captured the President. He is another of the men who uttered the words "I am Lincoln." He is the man who was the playmate of Lincoln's children for years, and when he died regretfully said of his years of service, "I have never had a more difficult task than to provide for the safety of the President."

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O. PALMER, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1889.

Entered at the Post Office at Grayling
Mich., as second-class matter.

POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

STATE TICKET.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court,
CLAUDIUS B. GRANT,
of Houghton.

For Regents of the University,
CHARLES S. DRAPER, of Saginaw,
WILLIAM J. COCKER, of Lenawee.

The Wheeling *Herald* is pleased
to note that there are no Mugwump
ear marks on this red, white, and blue
administration.

Out of 61 places designated for
registering and holding elections by
democratic officers in Detroit, all but
eleven are in saloons.

Ex-Gov. Wilson is holding on to
Gov. Gott's job in West Virginia with
a persistence that leads one to believe
he needs the salary.—*Blade*.

Ionia papers claim that Mr. Cusser
lives in that county. Maybe he does
now; but right after the election for
governor last fall he lived in East Sag-
inaw.—*Tanning Republican*.

President Harrison has made quite
a number of appointments already,
and he has not yet named a jail bird
or ex-penitentiary convict for any of
the offices. Things have changed a great deal
in the last four years.—*Ex.*

Charges are made that the West
Branch G. A. R. post has been dab-
bling into politics by recommending
one of its members for postmaster.—*Bay City Times*. Why should they
not do so? A veteran should have the
position, and no one but a mugwump,
disgruntled democrat or traitor to
his country would object to their ac-
tion.

The appropriations by the two ses-
sions of Congress during Cleveland's
administration were \$991,539,482,
which was \$44,160,289 more than the
Garfield-Arthur administration required.
The pension list was only increased
a little over \$2,000,000, and as there
was no extraordinary public work
projected or accomplished, it would be
interesting to know what was done
with so much money.

The Detroit *Journal* says: "Turning
out Pension Agent McKinstry, a
crippled soldier, before his term ex-
pires will not consist very well with
the republican party's 'love for the
soldier'." The republican party ad-
vances and reveres crippled veterans,
but has the same right to prefer those
of the republican persuasion as has
the democratic party to prefer rebel
soldiers in making appointments.

E. L. Gleason, of Gaylord, under-
stood that Michigan's governors made
a fat thing out of the fees of the office,
and he wrote to your Uncle Cyrus
Luce to have his fears confirmed. Gov.
Luce hastens to reply that the great
state of Michigan pays its governor 1,-
000 big dollars every year, counting
rainy days and Sundays, and that the
fees are all turned over to the state
treasury.

It was objected to Bro. Wannamaker's
appointment as postmaster general
that he had no experience in politics.
His experience in business, how-
ever, is likely to be of much greater
value to the government. One of his
first acts was to issue an order requiring
the employees of his department to
work from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hereto-
fore they have had too easy a thing
of it altogether.—*Detroit News*.

The proposed amendment increasing
the salary of governor to \$4,000, will
be adopted if the voters of Michigan
will give it due thought and considera-
tion. Let there be a full vote on this
proposed amendment, and let every
voter go the polls determined to cast
his ballot in favor of a salary suffi-
cient to make it possible for a poor
man to become governor without be-
coming a pauper.—*Detroit Tribune*.

On next Monday an election will be
held in this State which is as important,
if not more so than the one that
took place last Fall, as far as the people
of this State are concerned. It is
highly important that the republicans
in every township in this county should
hesitate themselves and not be caught
napping. Make good nominations at
your caucuses and on election day see
that your candidates are elected, from
Supervisor down to Constable.

It is to be hoped that the constitutional
amendment increasing the Governor's salary from \$1,000 to \$4,000
will be carried at the coming election.
The magnificence of the State as exhibited
in respect to the salaries of its
chief officers has become a matter of
reproach. The result of the April
election will show whether the standard
of intelligence in Michigan has
been raised as some of our altruistic
educators have been telling us.—*Tan-
ning Journal* (Dem.).

WASHINGTON LETTER

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22, '89.
The President has so regulated the
calls of the office seekers, or the hours
during which he may be seen by them,
that he is beginning to get some little
breathing time. He is moving very
slowly, so much so in fact that some
are already beginning to murmur at his
pace. But he says that it is better to go slow
and be right than to go fast and be wrong.

Among the prominent appointments
made by the President since my last
letter are the following: Jas. S. Clark-
son of Iowa, to be First Assistant
Postmaster General; John W. Mason,
of West Virginia, to be Commissioner
of Internal Revenue; Smith A. Whit-
field, of Ohio, to be Second Assistant
Postmaster General; S. R. Thayer, of
Minnesota, to be Minister to the Neth-
erlands; Chas. E. Mitchell, of Connecticut,
to be Commissioner of Patents;

Nathan O. Murphy, of Arizona, to be
Secretary of that Territory; W. B.
Deacon to be U. S. Marshal of New
Jersey; J. S. Burton to be U. S. Mar-
shal for Mississippi; E. J. Karsheedt,
U. S. Marshal for Louisiana; B. D.
Slaughter, U. S. Marshal for Nebraska;
Whitelaw Reid, editor of the *New
York Tribune*, to be Minister to France;
Frederick D. Grant, son of Gen. U. S.
Grant, of New York, to be Minister to
Austria; John C. New, of Indiana, to be
Consul General at London, and Julius
Goldschmidt, of Wisconsin, to be
Consul General at Vienna. This is
not a long list, but it is everywhere
conceded to be a good one.

Mrs. Harrison has been quite ill
this week with a severe cold, but is
now much better, though still confined
to her room.

The republican Senators and Repre-
sentatives who have been here since
the adjournment of Congress, looking
after their quota of offices, are begin-
ning to turn their faces homeward. The
most of them appear to be satisfied with
the outlook, but of course there
are some grumblers.

The nomination of Eugene Schuyler
of New York, to be Assistant Secretary
of State, has been withdrawn from
the Senate, Mr. Schuyler having de-
clined the office.

The democratic correspondents here,
failing to discover anything to criticize
in the actions of the new administra-
tion up to the present time, have re-
sorted to downright lying in order to
interest their readers. One individual
with a somewhat active and vivid im-
agination, sent off a long story pur-
porting to give the full particulars of
how Harrison was trying to force Wan-
namaker out of the Cabinet; even going
to the extent of giving what was
claimed to be a copy of a telegram
from First Assistant Postmaster General
Clarkson to Mr. Joseph Medill,
editor, *Chicago Tribune*, telling him
that the President wanted to get rid of
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in-Bay, Superintendent of the railway mail
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The Talking Machine.

One of the new improved Edison
phonographs, or talking machines, will
be one of the novelties at the Detroit
Floral Exhibition. It will sing songs,
tell stories, describe the floral booths,
and will also contain and repeat the
story of the Floral Exhibition, in the
voice of W. H. Bready, who is the manager of the
enterprise. The machines are so constructed
that five persons can listen
through the little rubber tubes at the
same time.

Beaver Creek Items.

Spring has come and the snow has
nearly gone.

J. S. Clege has been on the sick list
for a couple of weeks, but is so as to
be out again.

Mr. S. R. Patterson is suffering from
a severe attack of rheumatism. He has
been confined to the house nearly all
the time for the past four or five
weeks. Dr. Woodworth attends him.

Mr. and Mrs. Camp are visiting
friends in Shiawassee county.

Our Spring election is almost here.
Now is the time to put the best men
on the ticket and then vote for them
without any regard to politics.

Office seekers are stirring around,
B. & B.'s, "what is it," wants another
term.

X. O. G.

The Century.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson has been engaged
for a number of years upon his
autobiography, which will soon begin
to appear in *The Century*. No more
interesting record of a life upon the
stage could be laid before the Ameri-
can public, and Mr. Jefferson's per-
sonality is perhaps more sympathetic
to the people of this country than
that of any actor we have had. He
is the fourth in a generation of actors,
and, with his children and grand-
children upon the stage, there are six
generations of actors among the Jeff-
ersons. The record, which he has
made of the early days of the Ameri-
can stage is said to be peculiarly inter-
esting, especially the story of his
travels as a boy in his father's company,
when they would settle down
for a season in a Western town and
extemporize their own theater.

The "autobiography" will begin in
The Century during the coming
autumn, and the installments will be
illustrated with a portrait gallery of
distinguished actors.

We think that President Harrison
and Postmaster General Wannamaker
should at once put in operation a
swift guillotine to lop off the heads of
the civilian successors to the veterans
in the postoffices. This machine
should at least run at as high rate of
speed as that made use of by President

Cleveland and his Postmasters Gener-
al in accomplishing over 50,000 removals
within three years. We would be
much better satisfied if every postof-
fice in the country should be put in
charge of a Union veteran inside of one
year from the 4th inst. If necessary
the machine ought to be run night and
day, for time is now very precious to
the veterans, and if postoffices are to
be much good to them they ought to
be given with the least possible delay.
We don't think any mere political
heeler, left over from the late admin-
istration, should be allowed to hold an
office for a year, or a month, even,
when an equally capable crippled veter-
an needs and deserves the place.

That's the sort of a Civil Service Re-
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Diseases.

It is just an ordinary scrap of
wrapping paper, but it saved her life.

She was in the last stage of consumption,
told by physicians that she was incurable
and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy
pounds.

On a piece of wrapping paper,

she read of Dr. King's New Dis-
covery, and got a sample bottle; it

helped her, she bought a large bottle,
and grew better fast, continuing its use
and is now strong, healthy, rosy,
plump, weighing 110 pounds. For
full particulars send stamp to W. H.
Cole, Druggist, Fort Smith, Tex. Trial
bottles of this wonderful Discovery
are on sale by N. H. Traver.

For sale by N. H. Traver.

The Avalanche.

J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1859.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Salling, Hanson & Co's. Price List

Corrected Weekly.

Cats No. 2 white, per bushel, 30cts.

Hay, No. 1 timothy, per ton, \$17.00.

Bran feed, No. 1, per ton, \$17.00.

May flour, roller patent, per barrel, \$6.00.

May flour, roller mills, per barrel, \$5.75.

Gold Dust flour, per barrel, \$5.75.

Excelsior flour, per barrel, \$4.00.

Extra mess beef, per barrel, \$7.75.

Beef, per barrel, \$7.75.

Bacon, hand packed, per pound, 12cts.

Breakfast bacon, per pound, 12cts.

Clear pork per pound, 5cts.

Rump beef, per pound, 7cts.

Creamery butter, per pound, 25cts.

Fresh eggs, per dozen, 16cts.

O. G. Java ground, per pound 40cts.

B. C. & Co's. Mexican coffee, per lb., 25cts.

Tess, green, per pound, 15 to 50cts.

Sugar, extra C, per pound, 75cts.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 50cts.

Sugar, cut loaf, per pound, 10cts.

Sugar, powdered, per pound, 10cts.

Oil, waterwhite, per gallon, 15cts.

Beans, hand packed, per bushel, \$3.25.

Peas, green, per bushel, \$1.00.

Syrup, sugar, per gallon, 50cts.

N. O. molasses, per gallon, 60cts.

Molasses, per gallon, 30cts.

Potatoes, per bushel, 55cts.

New goods at H. Joseph's.

Over 500 pairs of shoes just arrived at Bell's, and more coming.

O. Palmer went to Lansing last Tuesday.

For the best quality of Alabastine, go to the store of L. Fournier & Co.

Dunne Willett, of Frederic, was in town last Saturday.

Trunks and valises, a big line of them, at H. Joseph's.

L. J. Miller, of Kalkaska county, was in town last Saturday.

One dollar a year pays for the Avalanche. Less than two cents a week.

O. Palmer went to Frederic last Saturday on legal business.

Horses, ponies and cows for sale at W. S. Chittenden's barn, Grayling, Mich.

BORN—On Friday, the 22d inst., to Mr. and Mrs. E. Wauwraight, a son.

The largest assortment of dress goods at H. Joseph's.

The village election at West Branch went republican, by over 30 majority.

For Job Work of all kinds call at the Avalanche office.

BORN—On the 21st inst., to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cullen, of Frederic, a son.

Fresh vegetables can be found at the Meat Market of C. W. Wright.

T. E. Hastings, of Beaver Creek township, was in town last Friday.

Five thousand grades of white goods at H. Joseph's.

James Bevill, of South Branch township, was in town last Monday.

Lemons and Oranges at 15 cents per dozen, at the store of S. H. & Co.

W. O. Bradford, of Blaine, was in town last Monday.

The Pioneer Store is the place to purchase your Sugar at reduced prices.

E. Alger brought in a picket minnow from Portage Lake, Tuesday which weighed 16 pounds.

Try a box of S. H. & Co's. Potato Chips. They are fine.

Rev. Q. E. Knight, of Pere Cheney, was in town one day last week, and took part in the revival services.

If you want a nobby necktie, go to H. Joseph's.

BORN—On the 24th inst., (Sunday morning,) to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kneeland, a son, weight nine pounds.

A good yoke of heavy oxen for sale, cheap. Enquire at this office.

J. M. Finn returned from the Upper Peninsula, last Monday morning. He still thinks he has struck a bonanza.

For a box of Quaker Oats, go to the store of S. H. & Co.

Groceries, lemons, cocoanuts and bananas at the market of Comer & Taylor.

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Come and see the new Jet trimmings at H. Joseph's.

Buy Beydell Bro's. paints. They are the best in the market. For sale by L. Fournier & Co.

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The frogs opened out Tuesday evening, and in consequence the weather was much colder yesterday morning.

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Remember that the Pioneer Store always carries a full line of Stoves and Hardware.

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Ladies if you want to be comfortable, procure a pair of the "Common Sense" shoes, for sale by O. J. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. James, of Beaver Creek township, were in Grayling last Friday.

The Pioneer Store is the place to find a nice line of California and standard brands of Canned Goods.

George Metcalf, of Center Plains, the retired drayman, was in Grayling over Sunday.

Go to the store of S. H. & Co., for Boy's suits. They have just received a large stock at very low prices.

Grant Wilson, of Center Plains, was in Grayling, over Saturday and Sunday, the guest of his brother Carl.

Mrs. M. S. Brayman returned from her five month's visit with friends in Indiana and Illinois.

Regular meeting of Marvin Post, No. 240, G. A. R., to-morrow evening. Every member should be present.

The telegraph office in connection with the railroad, offices at Cheney and Otsego Lake are closed at night.

Miss Josie Jones went to Otsego Lake last Friday, on a short visit to friends in that town.

F. W. Lankenau has taken a position in the office of Salling, Hanson & Co., at Grayling. The firm have rebuilt their mill and doubled its capacity.—*Day City Times*.

Sheriff Hayes, of Cheboygan county, killed a keeper of a disreputable house, who resisted arrest, last Saturday night. During the melee the girls took refuge in a chicken coop.

"Hello—where are you going?" "Getting ready to develop my gold mine." "What machinery do you choose?" "None. I'll take my wife along. She'll be sure to find the pockets if there are any."

All lumbermen in want of Boots and Shoes, should enquire for the "Key Log" river boots and shoes. They are hand made and manufactured by Parks & Hazard, Jamestown, N. Y. For sale by O. J. Bell.

In Justice Taylor's court, Saturday, Daniel McGinnis and Daniel McIntosh were both sent to Ionia for 90 days, as disorderly, second offense, and Clippie Norton committed to jail for ten days for petty larceny.

The ladies of Grayling will give a Social Hop at the Opera House, this evening, which will be apt to be the last dance held in that building, as Mr. Joseph is arranging to re-model it into a store-room.

Mr. Miles, representing the Detroit Tribune, was in town last Thursday and while here made us a call. The Tribune is getting to the front as an exponent of republican principles, with rapid strides.

McKinley, the irrepressible editor of the Herald, at Gaylord, was in Grayling last Monday making arrangements for the appearance of the Gaylord Opera Company, in Pinnefort, next Friday evening, and made us a pleasant call.

F. L. Barker, of Frederic, was in town last Monday. He reports that the ties are about all taken out for their new railroad and that they will resume grading next week. All the grading is completed except about ten miles.

Various aspects of the fertility problem are considered in the American Agriculturist for April.—The leading article is by Prof. Mapes on "The Application of Commercial Fertilizers," a matter which comparatively few farmers appreciate the importance of.

A young child of John Rasmussen, was buried yesterday. Its death was caused by a combined attack of Diphteria and Mumps.

We see many of her Majesty's subjects in this section, but her war vessels are scarce. Go and see Pinnefort to-morrow evening at the Opera House.

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Mrs. J. M. Jones, of Grayling, daughter of Mrs. A. Crofoot has been visiting them a few days, coming from the Bay City encampment.—*Chesaning Argus*.

The 4-year-old son of Conductor Charles Kelsey, of West Bay City, was drowned last Saturday by falling into a cistern while at play. The body was found 20 minutes later.—*Detroit Tribune*.

The nomination of Hon. Edward Willits to be assistant secretary of agriculture is one of the best appointments yet made by the new administration. A better man for that place could not be found. But there is regret as well as rejoicing over his appointment. It will leave a vacancy hard to fill in the Michigan Agricultural College.—*Detroit Tribune*.

West Branch is building a new jail. It is so far advanced that the prisoners are confined there. Hugh Fox, a safe robber, and Thomas Fitzpatrick, plainlarcenist, opened their door with a lead key Sunday and are now buffering with the cold world. The sheriff offers \$25 each reward for the return of the prisoners.—*Detroit Journal*.

Wind: A "mining expert" who is traveling incog, says that he has tested the Gold fields in California, Colorado, Australia and Michigan and that the latter is the richest in the world. This same anonymous expert got \$5,25 out of a pound of rock taken from J. Maurice Finn's mine. Mr. Finn has refused \$1,000,000 for his option says the same nameless authority.—*Detroit Journal*.

W. H. Smith, of Gaylord, was a caller at the Avalanche office last Friday. He thinks he is peculiarly fitted to fill the position of Register of the Land Office.

Mr. Jerome, of Otsego Lake, was a caller at the Avalanche office, last Thursday. He aspires to the position of Receiver of the Grayling Land Office.

The Straits of Mackinaw are now open, and vessels can pass through without hindrance from the ice, which is four to six weeks earlier than heretofore.

Mrs. F. M. Forbes returned from Oscoda county last Monday. She had a severe attack of chronic rheumatism while there, but is now much better.

Said that Wm. H. Smith is skirmishing around and getting ready to drop into the first vacancy occurring in the U. S. Land office at Grayling.—*Otsego Co. Herald*.

That the winter wheat never looked better at this season of the year, is the unanimous tenor of all reports from the great winter wheat belt.

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